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The reply filed on 01/05/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant fails to elect a single invention (groups I-X) in response to restriction requirement mailed on 7/01/04. The applicant argues that claim 1 has been amended that limits invention to at least two disorder-associated polymorphisms. However, in response the applicant further added a new set of claims 57-62, which are identical to subject matter of claim 1 as originally filed that required restriction of claim 1 into ten independent and distinct groups that further encompasses numerous combinations and subcombinations. As stated earlier there exists a enormous search burden to examine all groups I-X (along with combinations and subcombinations) as one single invention (see claim 57). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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